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Please find transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified  
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SIR:

This paper addresses the Final Office Action dated May 7, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Without prejudice, please amend claim 10 as follows.

10. (Twice Amended) A method of operating a control unit of a system for activating at least one of a plurality of modules in order to generate information regarding at least one of a plurality of states of the system, comprising the steps of:

providing a first storage device for storing information relating to a mutual interference of the modules;

providing a second storage device storing state information regarding the modules, the state information indicating which of the modules are currently activated;

before an activation of an additional module is performed, determining as a function of the information stored in the first storage device and the information stored in the second